

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

Town Hall ~ 505 Silas Deane Highway ~ Wethersfield, CT 06109
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Meeting held: February 5, 2009

NAME	EMAIL	MEMBER/ LIAISON	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED ABSENCE
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The meeting was called to order at 7:10

Minutes: Barbara Ruhe made a motion to accept the January 8th minutes, and Colleen Budaj seconded this motion. The minutes were accepted.

DSYS Update:

- ☞ Budget: the town may continue cut the budget. 0% budget already went to town manager.
- ☞ Grant: DSYS applied for a grant for a police and youth program. The grant is due April 8th. A meeting will be held at WHS on Feb. 12th at 2:30 to brainstorm ways that police and youth can work together.
- ☞ Youth Employment Program: there is no funding for the Youth Employment Program and the future of this program does not look promising.

YAB Update:

One Book One School:

- ☞ The main obstacle right now is funding; we may need to look for funding in PTOs, individual donors, or freecycle (we may be able to request a specific book via the web and receive donations)
- ☞ A helpful resource might be sets of old books that have rotated out of the schools' curriculums but are still available and locatable.
- ☞ Olivia will talk to the Superintendent on Wednesday; Casey and Meg will continue to look for ways to fund the project and get the town's support

Movie Night:

- ☞ The movie night will take place at the Keane Center tomorrow. The movie is The Dark Knight. Admittance is free but refreshments will be sold.

Volunteer Recognition Night:

- ☞ The forms have been approved by the superintendent and will be distributed with a cover letter after February break. 1,193 forms are needed in total.
- ☞ Mary Ellen will print invitations, Nancy Stillwell will print programs and copy the forms. Olivia and Meg will write the press release.
- ☞ Discussed speakers. Barbara Ruhe made a motion for Mike and Christine Fortunato to be the keynote speakers during the recognition night due to their involvement in the community. The motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 abstention.
- ☞ Door prizes need to be obtained by contacting Wethersfield merchants.
- ☞ Refreshments will be provided by Donna at the Seniors Advisory Committee with the possibility of Coffee from Tim Horton's.

Public Comment:

- ☞ Discussed a need for an opportunity for public comment and a community dialogue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.